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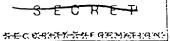
1. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GUAT FOR YOUR INFO AND DIS-CREET BRIEFING CALLIGERIS:

ADVISED 17 MAY THAT DUE TOTAL WEIGHT Α. SHIPMENT PLUS FACT RAILS ARE NARROW GUAGE AND ROAD GRADE EX-TREMELY STEEP SEVERAL PLACES BETWEEN PUERTO BARRIOS AND CAPITAL APPROX 100 RAILROAD CARS WILL BE NEEDED TRANSPORT CAPGO. FOR THAT REASON SHIPMENT WILL BE BROUGHT TO CAPITAL IN SEVERAL TRAINS, POSSIBLY 8 TO 10.

FURTHER STATED THAT WSBURNT GOVT ORDERED 15 FLAT CARS BUT JUST CANCELLED 8 CARS. REMAINING 7 LEFT PUERTO BARRIOS FOR CAPITAL AT 9: 30 A.M. TODAY. CARS LOADED WITH LARGE CRATES, DIMENSIONS AND NUMBER AS YET UNKNOWN. GOVT ADVISED

THEY WILL NOT NEED MORE FLAT CARS. OF OPINION CRATES CONTAIN HEAVY FIELD PIECES.

C. DUE STORM WHICH STARTED BARRIOS SATURDAY NIGHT



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AND CONTINUED THROUGH SUNDAY, ONLY ABOVE 7 CARS OF CRATES UN-LOADED. WORKMEN ON DOCK SAY "REST WILL BE EASY" INDICATING REMAINING PORTION CONSISTS SMALL CRATES.

D.

4.00

STALL AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

ATTEMPT TO HAVE ENTIRE SHIPMENT STORED IN CARS ON RAIL SIDING AT STATION NAMED "LA BARRERA" LOCATED 3 AND 1/2 MILES NORTH EAST OF CAPITAL, AND SITUATED CLOSE TO MILITARY BASED NAMED "ACETUNA" GURRENTLY UNDER COMPLETION AND POSSIBLY ULTIMATE DESTINATION ARMAMENT.

- E. ATTEMPTING SPOT AMMO SING CONSIDER THIS KEY TO
- F. SEAMEN ABOARD ALFHEM TOLD

  PUERTO BARRIOS THAT ANOTHER SHIP DUE HERE WITHIN 2 DAYS AND

  A 3RD DUE AS SOON AS THE 2ND SHIP LEAVES. NAMES DATE THESE

  SHIPS NOT KNOWN.
- G. HIGH RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS INCLUDING MIN DEF SANCHEZ, ALFONSO MARTINEZ, COL BARZANALLANA, WERE IN PUERTO BARRIOS AWAITING ARRIVAL SHIP AND STILL THERE. SANCHEZ OTHERS AT HOTEL DEL NOSTE, PUERTO BARRIOS ACCOMPANIED BY AIDES AND AT LEAST 5 BODY GUARDS.
  - H. CRATES UNLOADED ON 7 FLAT CARS AND NOW ENROUTE

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CAPITAL HAVE FOLLOWING SHAPE AND SIZE; 9 FEET HIGH, BASE 3
FEET BY 3 FEET, TOP ROUND WITH DIAMETER APPROX 18 INCHES, ONE
SIDE CRATE PERPENDICULAR AND OTHER SIDE SLOPING LIKE PYRAMID.
WEIGHT 785 POUNDS EACH. TRIANGULAR MARKING ON SIDE OF CRATES.
COULD BE MORTARS.

- SHOULD ARRIVE AROUND MID NIGHT. DUE ABUNDANCE EMPTIES PUERTO
  BARRIOS IMPOSSIBLE DENY MILITARY THEIR USE APPARENTLY MILITARY
  INTENDS FORWARD TO CAPITAL AS UNLOADED WHICH DIRECT FROM SHIP
  TO TRAIN CARS.
- J. PUERTO BARRIOS ESTIMATES THAT GOVT
  WILL NEED MINIMUM 7 DAYS TO UNLOAD SHIP AT PRESENT SPEED ALTHOUGH MINISTER SANCHEZ TRYING HURRY.
- K. NO SIGNS AMMO UNLOADED AS YET BUT PROBABLE SUCH
  ABOARD ALTHOUGH CREW MEMBERS DID NOT TAKE ANY PRECAUTIONS
  USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH AMMO SHIPMENTS.
  WILL
  ATTEMPT PREVENT AMMO SHIPMENTS COMING CAPITAL ATTACHED TO
  REGULAR TRAINS. HAVE PROMISED ADVISE UPON LEARNING ABOUT AMMO.
- L. DUE CONGESTION PORT AS RESULT STRIKE NEW YORK,

  TRAINS LEAVING EVERY 3 OR 14 HOURS. TO THESE TRAINS GOVT APPAR
  ENTLY INTENDS HITCH CARS CONTAINING ALFHEM MATERIAL. IMPOSSIBLE

  OBTAIN ETD SINCE TRAINS DEPARTING AS LOADED. IMPOSSIBLE OBTAIN

  THAT MATERIAL BE FORWARDED IN ONE TRAIN. UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS

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ACFHEM CARGO WOULD TAKE MINIMUM OF FIVE DOUBLE HEADER TRAINS

M. MEANWHILE PUBLIC KEEP AWAY FROM PIER AND NO VISITORS ALLOWED ABOARD.

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